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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10 (c)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10, applicant hereby petitions that a filing date of November 7, 2001, be accorded to the above-identified patent application that was USPS Express Mailed to the USPTO on that date. Applicant became aware that the Office accorded a filing date other than the USPS deposit date when a return receipt postcard was received on December 26, 2001, indicating a filing date of November 8, 2001. The Express Mail package appears to have been delayed as a result of the recent mail disruption.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.10(c)(1), this petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the discrepancy.

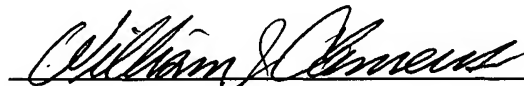
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In view of the above showing, Applicant requests that the present application be accorded a filing date of November 7, 2001.

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